AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) The stent of claim ~~1~~ 22, wherein the polymeric film comprises one or more of ethylene vinyl acetate, latexes, urethanes, polytetrafluoroethylene, polysiloxanes, and modified styrene-ethylene/butylene styrene block copolymers.

9. (currently amended) The stent of claim ~~1~~ 22, wherein the polymeric film comprises one or more drugs.

10. (currently amended) The stent of claim ~~1~~ 22, wherein the polymeric film defines apertures.

11. (currently amended) The stent of claim ~~1~~ 22, wherein the polymeric film is an expandable sleeve.

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended) The retaining system of claim ~~13~~ 23, wherein the squares or triangles or spikes are raised from about 0.001 inch to 0.005 inch.

15. (canceled).

16. (canceled).

17. (currently amended) The stent assembly of claim ~~16~~ 23, wherein the structural ~~member~~ support and polymeric ~~sleeve~~ film are expandable.

18. (currently amended) The stent assembly of claim ~~16~~ 23, wherein the polymeric ~~sleeve~~ film contains drugs.

19. (canceled).

20. (currently amended) The stent assembly of claim ~~19~~ 24, wherein the structural ~~member~~ support and the polymeric ~~sheet~~ film are expandable.

21. (currently amended) The stent assembly of claim ~~19~~ 24, wherein the polymeric ~~sheet~~ film contains drugs.

22. (previously presented) A stent, comprising:

a structural support having an outer surface that includes a pattern of raised squares; and

a polymeric film or sheet or tube that overlays the structural support wherein the polymeric film or sheet or tube is retained to the structural support by the raised squares.

23. (previously presented) A stent, comprising:

a structural support having a first unexpanded configuration and a second expanded configuration and an outer surface that is roughened or patterned and at least partially covered with one or more of raised triangles, spikes and raised squares;

a polymeric film or sheet or tube that overlays the structural support, the polymeric film or sheet or tube having a first end and a second end, the first end attached to the structural support and wrapped around the structural support such that a first layer and second layer are formed, the second layer overlapping the first end when the structural support is in the unexpanded configuration; and

wherein the polymeric film or sheet or tube is retained to the structural support by the roughened or patterned outer surface and fills in gaps in the outer surface such that the exterior of the stent is smooth.

24. (new) A stent, comprising:

a structural support having an outer surface that includes a pattern of raised triangles; and

a polymeric film or sheet or tube that overlays the structural support wherein the polymeric film or sheet or tube is retained to the structural support by the raised triangles.

25. (new) A stent, comprising:

a structural support having an outer surface that includes a pattern of raised spikes; and

a polymeric film or sheet or tube that overlays the structural support wherein the polymeric film or sheet or tube is retained to the structural support by the raised spikes.

26. (new) A stent, comprising:

a structural support having a first unexpanded configuration and a second expanded configuration and an outer surface that is roughened or patterned and at least partially covered with raised squares;

a polymeric film or sheet or tube that overlays the structural support, the polymeric film or sheet or tube having a first end and a second end, the first end attached to the structural support and wrapped around the structural support such that a first layer and second layer are formed, the second layer overlapping the first end when the structural support is in the unexpanded configuration; and

wherein the polymeric film or sheet or tube is retained to the structural support by the roughened or patterned outer surface and fills in gaps in the outer surface such that the exterior of the stent is smooth.